Subject No. 383.

Discontinuance of levy of Octroi duty at Melkote.

Mr. M. Varahaswami Iyengar of Sri Yadugiri Sadananda Vardhini Sabha.

Summary of discussion.—The levy of Octroi duties at Melkote has become irksome to the people who are sustaining loss. This may also lead to the discontinuance of the holding of the newly formed 'Sante'. The Amildar and the Municipal Members are for removing these duties. It is therefore proposed that the levy of these duties be ordered to be discontinued.

Reply of Government.—Not practicable. The town requires improvement, and funds are needed.

Subject No. 384.

Improvement of Melkote town.

Mr. M. Varahaswami Iyengar of Sri Yadugiri Sadananda Vardhini Sabha.

Summary of discussion.—Melkote town is on a hill. Houses are closely built and are overcrowded, each house containing two or three families. The streets are undulating and there is not much backyard attached to most of the houses. Children and old people commit nuisance in front of their houses during nights. Ever since plague appeared at Melkote the infection has never died out for the following reasons:—(1) the throwing of dead bodies into the valleys of the hill (2) the throwing of dead rats indiscriminately on all sides (3) the frequent visitation of the infected houses by the owners for fear of thefts. The temple servants remain at Melkote on account of Puja service and there are no good sites for others to camp out during the prevalence of plague. Melkote is the abode of the tutelary dicty of His Highness the Maharaja and is a famous place of pilgrimage for the Srivaishnava sect in the province. It is proposed that the town be improved by opening new streets, with isolated houses and conservancy lanes. The town being a minor Municipality there are no funds to meet the cost. It is therefore prayed that Government may be pleased to undertake this important work. If this is not done, the once famous and well populated Melkote will become a jungle.

Reply of Government.—The Deputy Commissioner will be asked to report on the improvements.

Subject No. 385.

Cart-stand at Mysore.

Messrs. Venkatakrishnaiya, M. C. Ranga Iyengar, Madappa and Anantarajaiya of the Mysore City Municipality.

Summary of discussion.—It is requested that a cart-stand for the use of the merchants of the Devaraj Mohalla of the Mysore City may be built.

Withdrawn.

Subject No. 386.

Supply of drinking water to the Mysore City from the Kukkarahalli tank.

Messrs. Venkatakrishnaiya, M. C. Ranga Iyengar, Madappa and Anantarajaiya of the Mysore City Municipality.

Summary of discussion.—Kukkarhalli tank water is very often supplied to the Mysore City for drinking purposes to supplement the supply of the Cauvery water. The former is not filtered, but the latter is done so. In the interest of the health of the towns-people, it is requested that arrangements may be kindly made for Kukkarhalli tank water being filtered.

Reply of Government.—The Kukkarhalli tank sluice and duct is at too low a level to admit of the water being